

# Orioles edge Athletics in NFWB

The first-place Athletics squeaked out a 2-1 victory from the Orioles on Monday. As hitting ace Jeff Long slugged three hits, including the winning home run, Orioles pitcher Chris Slat threw five innings, allowing no walks.

On Thursday, the Athletics stomped the Mets in a 15-2 victory. As pitchers Dan Conley and Jeff Long held the batters Mets to a mere two hits, and fanned 12 batters, Athletic Dale Silar had two hits.

The Padres continued their winning streak with an 8-5 win over the Brewers on Monday and a 7-3 smash against the Astros. Padre Matt Blaney threw a spectacular no-hitter and collected two unorthodox hits against the woeful Brewers.

On Thursday, the Padres' Neil Appel blanked in three runs, going three for three. Brown threw an exceptional three-run no-hitter and laced two doubles. Mark Smith bashed two big hits for the disappointed Astros.

The Expos completed a fantastic week with two wins. An 8-4 victory over the Astros has Steve Byers belting three hits in four at bats for the Astros. In Thursday's 10-5 slugfest with the Brewers, Dave Austin showed strength on the mound and at the plate with a pulverizing home run. Jim Morris' superior catching aided in the win. Alan Leshaw led a three-run homer as the Brewers tried vainly to pull out a comeback.

The Rangers trounced the unfortunate Mets in a 17-3 hit spree. Ranger Larry Kipp was outstanding on the mound, scattering three hits and battering five for five.

The Orioles scored a victory over the Rangers with a strong 7-1 final. Billy Meyers' strong pitching, Steve Oshinski's triple and two hits by Larry Kipp proved inadequate to upset the Orioles. Gary Plaut's superior pitching, giving up only four hits, gave the game to the Orioles.

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**NATIONAL MAJORS**  
The second half of the NFWB National Majors ended with the Cardinals and the Pirates sharing first-place, each having the same record and one win. As the Cards were first half champs, the Pirates must beat the Cards twice to be number one in the league.

The Cubs have had their problems all year, nevertheless they love the game and despite losing, the contribute to an evening of fun for fans, family and friends. Their last losses are to the Reds 4 and the Cards. 2-1. Eric Zuckerman pitched no-hit baseball for Reds and Todd Smith, his helpmate in the pitching department, kept the Cubs to three hits. Todd got a one-base hit at bat and Rob Retenour got two of the Red's three hits. Ken Clacher aimed in defense when he grabbed a ground ball, and tossed the man out at home, who would have scored the tying run. Keith De Bidd and Bob Hackman handled the three-hit pitching for the Cubs. Jeff Long got two of the Cubs' three hits.

Kevin Shaw hit a grand slam in the Cards game with the Cubs. Chuck Greer and Matt Roud pitched for the Pirates and Keith De Bidd, Bob Hackman and Chris Healy shared the mound for the Cubs.

The Pirates were behind the Phillies 3-0 when the Pirates bats came alive and Grant Martin, Eric Salinas, Dale Silar and Keith De Bidd, each two for three, pounded the Pirates to a 7-3 win.

In another come-from-behind game, the Pirates were behind in the fourth inning, 7-6, and scored 11 runs in the fifth inning to pull out a 20-7 victory. Dale Silar sent one pitch out for a four-bagger. Field Floer, Steve Vaughn and Eric Salinas made a running catch and doubled off an opponent. Jeff Torrey had a double for the Pirates.

Two Dodgers Mike Turquist and Dave Shankle, each got long home runs. The Cards used Chris Greer, Steve Vaughn and Matt Roud from the bullpen in basting the Braves 13-4. John Nowak and Kevin Shaw hit a homerun and turned in some good fielding. John McBeth hit a long triple.

Chuck Murray, Dodger centerfielder, thrilled fans on both sides with two great catches, falling down but never losing the ball.

It was five runs and seven hits for the Dodgers, and three runs five hits for the Giants in their last encounter. David Arden got a double and drove in the winning run. His teammate, Mike Turquist, claimed three hits.

Gregg Thomas got two hits for the Giants, a double and a single. The Phillies narrowly got by the Dodgers 4-1 in a fun-filled game. Greg York was the staff of the game when he got a hit—his first one—with two out in the bottom of the sixth with the bases loaded. The Phillies collected 12 hits in the game. Willy Renke was four for four. Pete Kaligren had two for four. Mike Garver made four for four. John Chieffo did a superb job of catching for the Phillies and Paul Marquis' running catch in the outfield pleased the Phillies patrons.

Heroes for the Dodgers were Jeff Parsons making some good plays, Mike Turquist who blasted himself a free trip around the bases, Mike Blachoff, offering some new hits and Dave Arden, managing a double play.

The Giants topped the Phillies 8-4 to put them even in the standings with four victories and three losses. The Braves after defeating the Reds 4-1, share second place with the Giants and the Phillies, with a 6-3 record.

The Red win featured Chris Rose, with

two hits and two RBIs. Phil Reidel, one hit, one RBI and Chuck McDonald with two hits.

For the Reds, Eric Zuckerman had two hits. Matt Betrose and Bob Retenour accounted for some very good fielding plays. John Nowak and Bill Peterson were the winning pitchers and Eric Zuckerman, Todd Smith and Matt Betrose were the losing ones.

Dale Silar pitched six innings and provided another Pirate victory for a happy team. Happy hitters were Grant Martin, two for three, Field Houckaker, two for three, and Matt Renke, two for three. Matt is a minor leaguer who played a major part in securing the Pirates' victory.

Battling pitchers for the Giants were Matt Ruwart and Todd Williams.

**SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
The Fireflies finalized the season with a 9-0 record for the second half and will go to a playoff game with the Sloggers for the championship. The game will be played at Bond on July 6.

The second half of the season came to a close Tuesday with the Fireflies taking a 1-0 win over the Angels 194. Liz Rambus pitched the win while Lon Jenkins and Ann Leber each had super triples. Michelle Krawtchuk hit two doubles and Mary Carroll belted out a double.

The Rockettes overlooked the Butterflies 17-10. Sue Millington contributed a home run and Mary Beth Wolan a triple.

The Sloggers and Chargers battled out a close game with the Sloggers winning 8-4. Pat Fantazzini pitched eight innings for the win while Lynn Loeschke pitched a fine game for the Chargers. Kelly Collins, Julie White and Lynda Frisch of the Sloggers, each had doubles.

It was Ragamuffins 5 and Streakers 5. Vicki Weatherford pitched the win. Lynn Sanders had a triple and drove in three runs and teammate Laurie Hausworth drove in two runs with her double. Amy Austin, a sub from the junior league, went two for three. Cathy Cole had a triple for the Streakers.

The Rockettes' Laurie Assembly pitched to give them a 4-1 win of 9-2 over the Angels.

Laurie and teammate Lisa Schmidt had super home runs.

Pam Jackson, Megan Sanders and Cindy Spehn did a fine job of fielding for the Honeybees to sting the Streakers, 6-3.

A good game was played by the Ragamuffins against the Sloggers, but the Sloggers pulled ahead by one to win, 10-8. Kelly Collins whammed a home run for the Sloggers.

**AMERICAN MINORS**  
NFWB American Minors Red Sox hurled mis and hits into the air after slugging their way to a 16-3 win over the Yankees to take second-half honors. Yankee pitcher Don Collins and Dave Gruber made a valiant effort at the mound, while teammate Gregg Hepprich made one of the most exciting plays seen in the field this year, when he grabbed a hard-hit line drive off first base to tag the runner out at first, stranding two Sox on base.

The Sox got the usual great pitching from Tom Zimmerman and Mike Falls, who also whalloped three hits, including one double. Teammate Gary Friedland had a great night hitting, and John Chandong caught well. This victory sets the stage for the Sox contest with the first-half champs, the White Sox, to decide who will carry the American Minors banner into the series.

The last round of games saw several top-scoring scores as the Angels picked off the Royals 16-9, Tigers outscored the Twins 16-7, and the White Sox nipped the Indians, 12-7.

The Angels saw a double from pitcher Mike Kopec and triples from Trevor Schaefer and pitcher Jim Geroux. David Gerber and Billy Handley got doubles for the Royals and Russ Francis smashed a triple.

Tigers had an exciting race run, starting with Matt Weuster's single with an RBI and ending with Brian Clayton's bases-loaded double. Joe Connor, Mike Morawski and Dean Temple were on the mound for the Tigers, with Connor and teammate Alfred Evers starring in the hitting column.

Scott Mitchell and Rob Grant did their thing on the mound for the White Sox, with Brad Warren and Allen Starfield sparking their team with hits.

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